

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 3, 2006, Applicants request the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.